UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM: T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: GEROLD FRANK, AUTHOR
DESIRE TO DO STORY ON ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
BUREAU FILE 94-63917

My memorandum of 5-13-68 reflects that Frank, who is the author of the well-known book entitled "The Boston Strangler," contacted me on that date advising that his publisher, New American Library, Inc., was interested in him doing a book on the assassination of Martin Luther King. Frank stated that he would want to review Bureau files, interview Agents working on the case and "work very closely with the FBI at this time." My memo reflected that I informed him of the confidential nature of data in Bureau files and advised him that until the prosecution in instant case was completed, it was premature to even consider the authorship of a book with Bureau cooperation.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENT:

Frank telephoned me on the morning of 6-10-68 again reiterating his desire to do a book on the above captioned matter and wished to know if it would now be possible for him to interview Agents and look at files in connection with his planned book. I told him that what I had informed him previously still stood and that it was still premature to discuss such a book with Bureau cooperation and we could not even consider such a matter until prosecution was completed.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

Absolutely right.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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